of the Ambulance. The tender will be floated as soon as the modified technical specifications are finalized.

Purchase of Ambulance for Life Support Ambulance Scheme

†3066. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to introduce the 'Advance Life Support Ambulance Scheme' for saving the people, critically injured in road accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the process for purchasing the ambulance under this scheme has not been initiated;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the budgetary provisions for this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO S. KHANDELA): (a) to (d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing a Scheme namely "Project for establishment of trauma care facilities along National Highways" during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, at a total outlay of Rs. 732.75 crore to develop a network of Trauma Centers along the Golden Quadrilateral, North-South and East West Corridors of the National Highways to help the accident victims. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is to provide 140 advanced life support ambulances to the 140 identified hospitals under this Scheme of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Order for supply of 70 ambulances has already been placed with the selected firm during the year 2008-09 and for the remaining 70 ambulances, the Ministry is in the process of modifying the technical specifications of the Ambulance.

(e) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, has been providing ambulances and cranes under the scheme "National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS)" for which an amount of Rs. 25 crore has been provided in the budget for the current financial year.

By-pass on Pathankot-Amritsar NH

3067. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of Dina Nagar by-pass on Pathankot-Amritsar National Highway with the estimated cost thereof including the cost of land acquisition; and

(b) the likely date of its completion for traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) The length of Dina Nagar by-pass on Pathankot-Amritsar National

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Highway is 7 Km. The estimated cost of road construction is Rs. 50 crore and cost of land acquisition (approx) is Rs. 50 crore. Thus, the estimated cost of construction of this by-pass including the cost of land acquisition is Rs. 100 crore.

(b) The likely date of its completion is November, 2012. Subsequently, it would be opened to traffic.

Repairing and widening of Mangaldoi-Rowta Road

3068. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation for repairing and widening of Mangaldoi-Rowta Road *via* Kaligaon-Tangla-Udalguri which is connected to Udalguri-Tamulpur Road, an important road for defence movement for security near international border; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways and Mangaldoi-Rowta Road *via* Kaligaon-Tangla-Udalguri is not a National Highway. However, widening to 2-lane of Udalguri-Rowta State road finds a place in Phase-B of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in the North-East, approved by Government only for preparation of Detailed Project Reports and no investment decision has been taken by the Government.

Repair, widening of NHs in Assam

3069. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total plan and outlay finalized and annual allocation made towards widening, strengthening and repair of National Highways in Assam during the Eleventh Plan indicating the sectoral progress made thereof, year-wise; and

(b) the current year target, the details of proposals received and sanction accorded for implementation of works in National Highways showing list of proposals pending sanction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Eleventh Plan outlay for improvement of National Highways has not been made State-wise. However, an allocation of Rs. 176.21 crore was made during the last 2 year of Eleventh Plan and Rs. 122.04 crore has been allocated during current year for Assam for improvement of National Highways under NH(O).